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EMPLOYING SEMICONTINUOUS  
METAL FILMS

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## FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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SIR:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

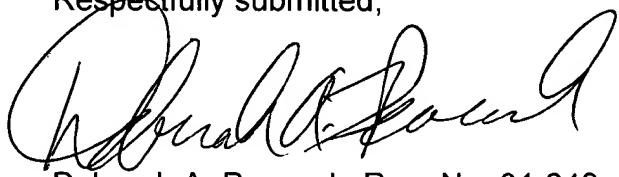
Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application and prior to the mailing date of a first Office action. Therefore, no fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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